

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP
December 12, 2023
MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Golden Township Board was called to order by supervisor, Carl Fuehring, at 7:30 p.m. in the Golden Township Hall.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call of Board Members: Carl Fuehring, Connie Cargill, Rachel Iteen, Bill Kolenda, and Doug Dykstra.

Board Members Absent: None

Also present: Rob Draper, Zoning Administrator and 26 guests.

Minutes: Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Dykstra to approve the minutes of last month's regular board meeting. All yes, the motion carried.

Agenda: Motion by Mr. Dykstra, supported by Mr. Kolenda to approve the agenda. All yes, the motion carried.

Public Comment:

-Brett of Silverback off Road questioned if the building length was approved for 120' or 160'. Rob explained that approval was for 120' x 60' to be moved to the south west corner of property. If they want to change the size of the building they would need to reapply for a major modification to their PUD.

-Jane Beaudoin talked about going to MTA training. 2 kinds of Ordinances: Zoning and Police (Police ones are for the health and safety of township people). That members recuse themselves from voting on issues that could benefit them financially. She mentioned something Gary Beggs said – If I don't see a benefit for township; I won't vote for it.

Correspondence:

1. IRS Notice – Deposit requirements changed from monthly to semi-weekly.

Financial Report: The ending balance in the fund as of December 12, 2023 was as follows: General Fund \$99,739.33; Road fund \$250.67; Capitol Savings Fund \$50.02. The Michigan Class investment funds for the above funds are as follows: GF \$230,229.50; RF \$367,621.82; CSF \$158,961.50.

Bills: Motion by Mr. Dykstra, supported by Mrs. Iteen to pay check numbers 19860 - 19885 and EFT 174 in the general fund for \$31,041.78. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

Reports:

-**Sheriff:** None

-**Zoning:** There are 89 permits so far of which 25 are new homes. Some complaints were received on the rental fee increase from \$150 to \$200, and those complaints are passed on the township board. The new state regulations passed now take control away from the townships for renewal energy. Rob also passed out a resolution from Holton Township declaring Holton Township a second amendment sanctuary.

-**Parks:** The tree is up for Christmas.

-**Fire:** They received a \$40,000 grant for turnout gear and another one for breathing apparatus. The house behind the fire barn was used for firefighting practice but has now been torn down. Medical first responders will be sent soon.

-Planning Commission: No meeting was held last month.

-Road: They are not slippery as there is no snow right now.

-ORV: Mr. Kolenda talked about being transparent and of the ORV progress. He gave a copy of the proposed ordinance to the board members and asked the clerk to put it on the township website for all to view. Mr. Draper passed an ORV/ATV crash list out to the board.

-Assessor: As written, see attached.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Representative to the Hart Recreation Board: Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Kolenda to appoint Victoria Gutierrez to be the Golden Township Representative to the Recreation Board. All yes, the motion carried.

Reappointments to PC: Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Dykstra to re-appoint Larena Kramer and Mark Rippee to the Planning Commission. All yes, the motion carried.

Reappointments to ZBA: Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Dykstra to re-appoint Bob Ramlow and Deb Shockey to Zoning Board of Appeals. All yes, the motion carried.

Appointment to ZBA: Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Kolenda to appoint Bob Jones to the Zoning Board of Review. He was an alternate. All yes, the motion carried.

Public Comment:

-Jane Beaudoin asked if there was a fire barn coming in Golden Township.

-Wes Vanderwilk is against ORVs on the roads as family safety is most important.

-Carl Kaat wondered if ORVs could be restricted to be only on the dunes.

-Ted Ferwerda commented that Cannabis would help people relax at the meeting. He liked the dunes having a season for people with horses and another one for those with fat tire bikes. He thought ORV regulating would be tough.

-Joe Russell from Woodland Shores camp thought there would be chaos with ORVs on the roads.

-Andrea Woodland, owner of Silver Scoops, questioned who pay when non-insured ORVs are involved in an accident and someone is hurt. Maybe Silver Lake could use a bus for visitors as used in Applefest.

The supervisor wished each and every one a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Meeting adjourned 8:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Rachel Iteen
Golden Township Clerk

